I don't know precisely what the law states, but from what I have heard, there's something foul about the intention of Sinclair Broadcasting to require all its stations to show what amounts to campaign propaganda that is clearly intended to discredit --for purely political purposes, and without great regard for truth or balance-- one of the presidential candidates. Our elections are supposed to be conducted with something of a level playing field, and this constitutes a kind of corporate contribution to one of the competitors, violating the spirit and quite likely the letter of our campaign finance laws. It seems an unfair and probably illegal attempt by a system of publicly lisenced television stations to sway the electorate-- and likely in exchange for political favors at that. It should be stopped by the FCC!